



RIALTO FIRE LINE

A Monthly Report of Rialto Fire, EMS, and Public Safety Services

Firefighters from Station 202 Utilize New Technology to Save a Life

On May 30, firefighters responded to the 1500 Block of N. Mulberry Ave, just blocks away from the newly opened fire station 202 to reports of a person in cardiac arrest.

Rialto Firefighters and Paramedics arrived at the home within minutes and initiated CPR as well as, defibrillation and advanced cardiac life support to the victim. Also utilized was the department's new non-invasive cardiac support pump which provides improved blood flow to cardiac arrest victims.

The combination of a rapid response to the location, early CPR, and advanced medical care gave firefighters the window necessary to affect a positive outcome.



AutoPulse Device

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The 5 links in the adult Chain of Survival:

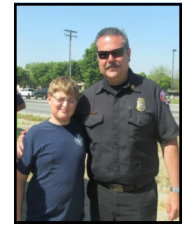
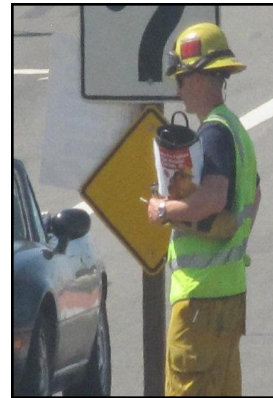
- Immediate **recognition** of cardiac arrest and **activation** of the emergency response system
- Early **cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)** with an emphasis on chest compressions
- Rapid **defibrillation**
- Effective **advanced life support**
- Integrated **post-cardiac arrest care**

A strong Chain of Survival can improve chances of survival and recovery for victims of heart attack, stroke and other emergencies.

Firefighters “Fill the Boot” for Muscular Dystrophy

Rialto Firefighters and Explorers participated in the “Fill the Boot” drive for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This event, held on May 17th, 19th, and 20th at different intersections in the city, raised a total of \$24,293.30 from generous drivers. Firefighters throughout the nation contribute to the MDA every year to assist with research and caring for people afflicted with this disease. Rialto and Redlands firefighters have

had a running contest to see who could raise the most money during their respective Fill the Boot drives and once again, Rialto Firefighters raising the most money for 2012!



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Ruben Martinez



A Thank You Letter

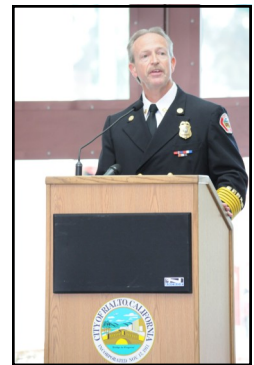
Dear Rialto Firefighters,

I am an MDA patient from Bell Gardens, California. I am 28 years old and I attend the MDA support group in the Long Beach Region at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center in Downey, California. I would like to tell you what our support group means to me. It is a place where I can meet other people like myself. This shows me I am not alone in this situation. There we can talk about our issues in general, share ways we have learned to adapt and overcome our weaknesses, and together set goals for the future. Support group also gives me opportunities to mentor younger kids who are going through the same thing I did as a child. Our parents have the opportunity to speak to other parents about their own personal issues, and also exchange information between them. At times they receive professional assistance from Doctors and Psychologists who come and speak to them. In general, it is a form of therapy to all who attend. Finally, it's just a whole lotta' fun for everyone. I would like to thank each and every one of you, not only for the work you do in Rialto, but also for reaching out to the MDA and to our support group. We honor you and respect you. God bless you all.

Ruben Martinez.

Fire Station 202 Grand Opening

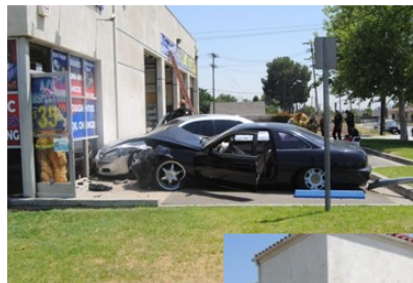
On May 12th, the community celebrated the opening of the new Fire Station 202. The event was attended by the public, city leaders, and fire department staff. The new Fire Station 202 is a replacement and relocation from the original site at the corner of Riverside Ave. and Easton St. where Rialto firefighters have been serving the northeast section of the city since 1963. The fire station was closed in July 2009 in anticipation for a new facility to accommodate for future growth of the city and fire department. The station is currently staffed by five firefighters and houses a paramedic rescue ambulance, a fire engine and a water tender.



Notable Incidents

Vehicle into a building- Foothill and Lilac

On May 16, Rialto Firefighters responded to a vehicle into a building at the corner of Foothill and Lilac Ave. A vehicle travelling on Foothill blvd struck a parked car and pushed it into a business. Firefighters evaluated the driver of the vehicle along with three occupants of the building and thankfully no injuries were found. Firefighters remained on scene to ensure fluids from the vehicle were cleaned up and the structure was safe to occupy.



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Strike Team Response to San Diego County

On May 24th, at 6:30pm, Rialto Fire Brush Engine 204 responded as part of a Strike Team of engines to the “Banner 4” brush fire incident, located at Hwy 79 and Warner Springs in San Diego County. Brush Engines from Loma Linda, Redlands, Colton and San Bernardino County were

part of the local government strike team. The Strike Team was released from the incident on May 27, 2012.



On May 18th, at 2:30pm, Rialto firefighters responded to a structure fire at 331 E. Wilson. On arrival, fire personnel found a detached, outdoor garage/shed fully involved in fire. Fire crews were able to extinguish the blaze and prevented further spread to nearby structures. Rialto Fire investigation personnel on scene for fire cause determination; the cause of the fire is under investigation.

4 Alarm Pallet Yard Fire in Fontana

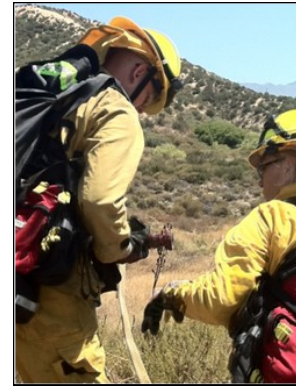
On May 19th, at 6:08pm, Rialto Fire crews responded to assist San Bernardino County firefighters on a commercial type fire located at 14041 Slover in Fontana. Fire personnel encountered a large pallet yard fully involved in fire and threatened nearby structures. This “greater alarm” fire required the assistance of other fire departments throughout the region to help gain control and extinguish the fire. The cause of the fire is unknown and is being investigated by the San Bernardino County Fire Department.



Training Corner

During the month of May, fire personnel completed 724 hours of training. Personnel completed training in the following areas:

- EMS Skills
- Wildland Fire Operations
- SCBA Fit Testing



Each year during the month of May, the Rialto Fire Department participates in regional training drills to prepare our firefighters for the upcoming fire season. This year, the Rialto Fire Department participated with the United States Forest Service and the San Bernardino City Fire Department in a week long wildland drill at Arrowhead Springs Resort near Waterman Canyon. The focus of the training was basic skill development along with tactics and strategy for the wildland urban interface.

July 4th Operations

As the Fourth of July approaches, the use of illegal and unsafe fireworks increases. These illegal fireworks are extremely dangerous to both life and property. Each year, there are more than 12,000 fireworks-related injuries reported nationally. "Dangerous fireworks" are defined as, but not limited to, firecrackers, skyrocketers and rockets, roman candles, chasers, sparklers more than ten inches in length or one-fourth of one inch in diameter, torpedoes of all kinds which explode on impact, any fireworks which explode on impact, any fireworks which explode through means of friction, and firework kits.

Safe and Sane Registered Fireworks may be purchased at local booths from June 28th thru July 4th at midnight. These legal fireworks must possess the State of California Fire Marshal Seal.

This year, the Rialto Fire Department Investigation Unit along with the Rialto Police Department will implement a Fireworks Task Force Operation. The Task Force faces the challenge of reducing the sale and use of illegal fireworks thus, preventing the risk to life and property. Fire Investigators and Police Officers will be teamed up together patrolling the city on July 4th issuing citations to those

engaged in the use of illegal fireworks.



Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the holiday season, but fireworks can be dangerous when used improperly, causing serious burn and eye injuries. That's why the Rialto Fire Department strongly recommends that you: **LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS!**

If you decide to use them, follow these safety tips:

Before you shoot:

DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN BUY FIREWORKS.

Only buy from reliable fireworks sellers

Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks

Store fireworks in a cool, dry place

Find a smooth, flat surface away from the house and other buildings, or dry leaves and grass.

Be sure to have water handy in case of a malfunction or fire

ALWAYS HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION!



When you're ready to shoot:

NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH OR IGNITE FIREWORKS

Always read and follow label directions, warnings, and instructions

Be considerate of your neighbors

Only ignite fireworks outdoors, and away from houses and other buildings.

Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks

Light only one firework at a time

Never try to re-light fireworks that have not fully functioned

Never give fireworks to small children, even sparklers can cause serious burns

Never throw fireworks at another person, vehicle, or animal

Never carry fireworks in your pocket

Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers

Dispose of spent fireworks properly

Planning

The Planning section completed the Battalion Chief Recruitment process and sent test results to Human Resources Department for tabulation. Four Fire Captains participated in the process. The recruitment process for Firefighter/Paramedic is in the Background Investigation phase. Staff is working with investigators on results of background check and polygraph.

The GIS for the EOC is complete. During a disaster or city-wide emergency, the GIS will allow EOC responders to input a wide range of disaster-related information that will result in a visual display of up-to-the minute activities for a user-defined region. This will aid city leaders and department heads in developing immediate and short-term goals/objectives for mitigation issues. The total cost of the project was approximately \$185,000.00. The city was obligated for \$37,000.00 of in-kind services for a three year period.

Fire Prevention

- The new Target Distribution Center located at Alder and Easton has started their underground fire protection system installation. The first rounds of inspections were completed this month.
- The new Panda Express located at the 1600 blk South Riverside passed its final inspection during the second week of May and is now open for business.
- We have started the fireworks application review process for this year. Fireworks vendors are scheduled to set up booths starting the last week of June and sales will start on June 28, 2012.
- Telecu III located at 658 S. Bloomington completed their third of four fire sprinkler inspections. They will schedule their final fire protection system inspection in June or July.
- Office Specialist Tondra Hill completed the Child Car Seat Installation Class held at Fire Station 203 during the third week of May. She is now one of two Certified Child Car Seat Technicians in the fire department; the other being Fire Inspector Kerri Walton. Congratulations to Tondra!
- Fire Inspector Kerri Walton attended the Child Safety Fair sponsored by The Mom and Dad Project in Big Bear. This symposium provided vital information and handed out car seats and bike helmets to the public. Inspector Walton participated as one of the Car Seat Technicians along with members from CHP and Safe Kids.
- Spring Weed Abatement survey was completed this month. The city contractor has started the abatement process; this should be completed soon.

Response Statistics (May 1—May 31)

FIRES – 27

EXPLOSION– 0

RESCUE/ EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE INCIDENTS – 566

HAZARDOUS CONDITION (NO FIRE) – 10

SERVICE CALL – 127

FALSE ALARM/ FALSE CALL – 36

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE- 766